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GUIDELINES FOR PRO SE CLINIC

WITH CHILDREN

- 1. The applicant must meet the eligibility requirements of Legal Aid of East Tennessee, Inc. (LAET).
- 2. There must be minor children of the marriage.
- 3. The parties must agree on all issues regarding the children including custody, visitation, and child support.
- 4. The parties **MUST** have an Agreed Parenting Plan signed by **BOTH** parties.
- 5. There can be no ownership of real property by the parties.
- 6. The parties must be separated for at least sixty (60) days before applying to the clinic.
- 7. No party can be a member of the military.
- 8. The party must have a good address on the spouse for service of process.
- 9. The *Pro Se* Clinic for parties with children will be held in Carter, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Hamblen, Hawkins, Greene and Washington County.
- 10. Each *Pro Se* Clinic will be limited to ten (10) persons.
- 11. Legal Aid of East Tennessee, Inc. will attempt to have at least one (1) *Pro Se* Clinic in Carter, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Hamblen, Hawkins, Greene and Washington County every other month.
- 12. Legal Aid of East Tennessee, Inc. will retain the divorce documents that are completed at the clinic until the applicant has provided a completed Agreed Parenting Plan signed by both parties. At that time, Legal Aid of East Tennessee, Inc. will give the applicant their divorce documents that were completed at the *Pro Se* Clinic for the filing of their divorce action. If at any time after the divorce Complaint is filed, any matters become contested, Legal Aid of East Tennessee, Inc. will **NOT** be responsible for representation of the applicant in the divorce regardless of the issues being contested by the opposing party.